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1. According to official records [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the following orders were given:

- Rolling stock foremen have to check on the operating condition of all R, RM, RO, S, SM, and SS-Type railroad cars, since there is a shortage of such cars.
- Effective immediately, the operating condition of all R, S, SS, SK, and SS-type heavy-duty flatcars has to be checked. Daily reports have to be submitted by 9 a.m. to the Rolling Stock Distribution Point with data on the total number of such cars available broken down according to types and physical status, as well as the number of flatcars in adequate operating condition needed by the SCC and for reparations and export deliveries, also broken down according to types. The utilization of R, S and SS-type cars in adequate operating condition henceforth requires an authorization by the Rolling Stock Distribution Point. (1)

2. On 25 June 1952, [redacted] in compliance with the decree for the 25X1
reduction of personnel, 120 employees will be discharged at the Cottbus
regional railroad headquarters. Employees will also be discharged in the
subordinate railroad agencies. (2)

3. On 15 July 1952, a reorganization will go into effect for the
Soviet Zone railroad administration. The main feature of the new plan is
the establishment of three main departments for operations, traffic and
construction work. (3)

4. By order of the SCC, a conference was scheduled to be held by representatives
of the East German and Czechoslovakian state railroad administration in
Prague on 15 July 1952. The subject of the conference was to be the enlargement
of the Bad Schandau and Tetschen (Decin) border stations which have carrying
capacities below the present requirements. (4)

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- (1) [redacted] The increased requirements for flatcars and heavy-duty flatcars is connected with the current vehicle replacement program and the shipment of tanks from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany. [redacted] 25X1
- The meanings of the letters signifying the different types of railroad cars are as follows: R - flatcar with wooden side racks; R1 - 20-ton flatcar with wooden side racks; R2 - flatcar with wooden side racks used by maintenance section of railroad; S flatcar with iron side racks; ST - well wagon; SK - 20-ton flatcar with iron side racks.
- (2) The reported reduction of railroad personnel is in accordance with the decreed economy measures. [redacted] 25X1
- (3) The new organization chart of the Soviet Zone railroad administration was reported previously. [redacted] 25X1
- (4) Bad Schandau in East Germany and Decin in Czechoslovakia are the main border crossing stations on the German-Czechoslovakian border. Crude oil imports from Zisterdorf, Austria, for Soviet Zone hydrogenation plants are directed via these railroad stations. A daily average of 10 to 12 trains pass through Bad Schandau in every direction.

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